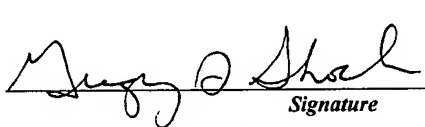
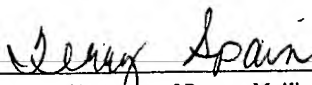


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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004 and the Advisory Office Action dated December 16, 2004, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.